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All FAA Central Region Flight Instructors:

Recent accident and incident statistics indicate a need for additional emphasis on the problem of runway incursions. Therefore, we are encouraging all CFIs to emphasize runway incursion avoidance when administering Biennial Flight Reviews and conducting dual and ground instruction. This would include subject material and questions on airport markings (signage, lighting, etc.), taxi procedures at the departure and destination airports, differences between ground operations at towered and non-towered airports, LAHSO (Land and Hold Short Operations) information, and how to find airport/ground operation information, etc. Information on these subjects can be found in the Aeronautical Information Manual Chapter 4, Section 3, Airport Operations and Chapter 2, Section 3, Airport Marking Aids and Signs as well as other commercially available flight training literature.

Your participation in increasing pilots' awareness of the runway incursion problem and other hazards to aviation safety while conducting training activities and flight reviews will enhance pilot awareness in this safety critical area and have a positive impact on reducing the frequency of runway incursions.

Sincerely,

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